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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (previously amended) An isolated mutant hepatitis B surface antigen (HbsAg) protein which comprises an amino acid sequence in which alanine (Ala) is substituted for threonine (Thr) at position 123.

Claims 4-10 (canceled)

Claim 11 (previously amended) An immunogenic composition comprising said protein of claim 3.

Claims 12-15 (canceled)

Claim 16 (previously amended) A kit for determining the presence of mutant hepatitis B virus antigen or antibody comprising a container containing said protein of claim 3.

Claims 17-26 (canceled)